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NOTICE.

SPECIAL RATES TO THE A. M. A. MEETING.

Those members desiring to avail themselves of the special rate of one fare for the round trip can purchase tickets at that rate from California points to New Haven, Conn., on May 25, 26 and 27. Upon arrival at New Haven, the ticket should be deposited with the proper agent. You can then buy a local ticket from New Haven to Boston. You may travel around as you please, but your return trip must begin at New Haven not later than August 31st.

Those who cannot avail themselves of this rate, can purchase a regular 9-months' tourist ticket, which will be sold at the rate of 2 cents per mile, or about $1\frac{1}{3}$ fare for the round trip.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is certainly encouraging to note the rapidity with which many of the county societies are taking hold of the idea of more frequent **BETTER** meetings and more systematic scientific **WORK.** Eight or ten are now meeting from two to four times a month and several others have the matter under consideration. Most of the economic problems which confront the profession and each individual member of it, are such as may not be solved by strife, but will yield to educational development, and the sooner we learn this the sooner will the solution of these problems be apparent to us. Elsewhere we print some courses of study outlined by a county society in a distant state and they should serve as a great help to others who are working

on the same general scheme. If isolation and ignorance breed strife and uncomfortable relations with others, then let us do away with the isolation by getting together, and with ignorance by careful, systematic study in the county society. This is the ideal place for such work, and there can be little doubt of the final outcome if this course is persistently followed.

That the mind of the physician is without commercial bent, is so well known as scarcely to require restatement; in the words of the "sure thing" operator, doctors and preachers are "good things." As a result of this unfortunate lack of business ability, physicians always have been and doubtless always will be, imposed upon by those gentry for whom "commercialism" is the first and the last word, and who know not the meaning of "professionalism." But every physician may take pride to himself in that, as the insurance examinations have shown, while thievery, bribery, corruption, stealing wholesale and retail have been going on for years in almost every department of the great life insurance companies except the medical, the medical examiners have gone about their work, honestly, conscientiously, faithfully, and no word of scandal has touched the name of a physician connected with an insurance company. Bear that fact in mind and then remember the disclosures of the investigating committee; remember the millions on millions of dollars shown to have been stolen from the policy holders by the McCalls, the McCurdys, the Hamiltons, the Alexanders, the Hydes, the Perkinses, the Depews and the horde of lesser thieves who were permitted, for years, to steal the policy holders' money. Remember, too, that there is every reason to believe that what has been told is only a fraction of the truth that might and should be told, and that the actual stealings and perversions of funds are probably many times the amount disclosed.

The disclosures of such enormous graft and such unblushing robbery have naturally produced a certain feeling of distrust in the public mind, and the "big three" insurance companies find that new business is hard to get—that "suckers" are scarcer than they were—that it is not so easy to get hold of the policy holders' money to steal, as it was. Retrenchment is necessary; therefore they must retrench. How do they go about it. Do they cut down some of the enormous salaries? Do they trim the whole line of excessive "home office" salaries, commissions, expensive methods of getting business, etc.? Do they trim the agents' large commissions? One would naturally suppose that some of these things they would do, but we have not heard of any such. No; they ask the physicians of the country to put their hands into their own scantily filled purses and pay the deficit. They retain the fat